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In re Application of:

() Confirmation No.: 8947

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U.S. Appln. No.: 10/697,943

() For: SAMPLING DEVICE AND METHOD)

FOR OBTAINING SAMPLES...

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REPLY: AMENDMENT AND REMARKS

Customer Service Window, Mail Stop Amendment
Honorable Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Randolph Building
401 Dulany Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Sir:

Replying to the Office Action mailed July 26, 2006, please amend as follows:

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.



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Transmitted herewith is a REPLY: AMENDMENT AND REMARKS in the above-identified application.

[] Small Entity Status: Applicant(s) claim small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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INDEP.	* 2	MINUS	*** 4	0		
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM						

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SMALL ENTITY					
	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE			
	25	\$			
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[XX] Conditional Petition for Extension of Time

If any extension of time for a response is required, applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor.

[] It is hereby petitioned for an extension of time in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a). The appropriate fee required by 37 CFR 1.17 is calculated as shown below:

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	Small Entity	Other Than Small Entity			
	Response Filed Within	Response Filed Within	Response Filed Within		
	[] First - \$ 60.00	[] First - \$ 120.	00		
	[] Second - \$ 225.00	[] Second - \$ 450.	00		
	[] Third - \$ 510.00	[] Third - \$ 1020.	00		
	[] Fourth - \$ 795.00	[] Fourth - \$ 1590.	00		
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[XX]	The Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to chargovernayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4035. This authorization				

connection with this application or credit any es associated with this communication, including any Extension of Time fee, not covered by check or specific authorization, but is also intended to include all fees for the presentation of extra claims under 37 CFR §1.16 and all patent processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17 throughout the prosecution of the case. This blanket authorization does not include patent issue fees under 37 CFR §1.18.

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